(b) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several members of the Jury also tendered their resignation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would institute an inquiry into the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) While reports have appeared in the press in this regard, no communication has been received from any award winner to this effect.

(c) and (d) Out of the 17 members Jury constituted by the Government for deciding the 48th National Film Awards (Feature Film Category), three members dis-associated themselves at the final stage of deliberations as they did not agree with the views of the majority of the members. Two out of these three members subsequently sent their resignations from the Jury. No communication has been received from the third Jury member.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The Awards have been decided by Jury in accordance with the Regulations for the 48th National Film Awards. The Jury functions independently and determines its own work procedure. The Government does not interfere in the functioning or deliberations of the Jury.

**Newspapers and Periodicals registered with DAVP for advertisements**

4020. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP for the purpose of advertisement for the period from Ist April, 2000 to 31st December, 2000, language-wise; and

(b) the details of new newspapers and renewals separately, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Empanelment/ Rate Renewal Contract for newspapers with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for release of Government advertisements is valid from 1st July of the year to 30th June of the next year. The language-wise number of newspapers to whom Rate Renewal Contract (including new empanelment) was issued by DAVP during the period from 1st July, 1999 to 30th June, 2000 and 1st July, 2000 to 30th June, 2001 (as on 31st December, 2000) is given in the Statement (*see* below). The number of newspapers empanelled for the period from 1st July, 2000 to 30th June, 2001, include 11 new newspapers/periodicals, of which ten are Hindi and one Bengali. No new newspapers were empanelled during the period 1.4.2000 to 30.6.2000.

**Statement**

*Language-wise Number of Newspapers Empanelled with DAVP for Release of Advertisements during the Period from 1st July, 1999 to 30th June, 2000 and 1st July, 2000 to 30th June, 2001 (As on 31st December, 2000)*

| Sl. No. | Language | No. of newspapers empanelled for the period from 1.7.1999 to 30th June, 2000 | No. of newspapers empanelled for the period from 1.7.2000 to 30th June 2001 (As on 31.12.2000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | English | 197 | 136 |
| 2. | Hindi | 3807 | 1447 |
| 3. | Urdu | 431 | 136 |
| 4. | Punjabi | 140 | 66 |
| 5. | Marathi | 85 | 68 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Gujarati | 98 | 86 |
| 7. | Sindhi | 19 | 15 |
| 8. | Assamese | 15 | 11 |
| 9. | Bengali | 162 | 92 |
| 10. | Oriya | 42 | 32 |
| 11. | Tamil | 54 | 42 |
| 12. | Telugu | 53 | 43 |
| 13. | Malayalam | 47 | 36 |
| 14. | Kannada | 25 | 21 |
| 15. | Sanskrit | 6 | 2 |
| 16. | Nepali | 4 | 2 |
| 17. | Mizo | 1 | 1 |
| 18. | Khasi | 2 | 2 |
| 19. | Konkani | 1 | 1 |
| 20. | Manipuri | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL: | 5189 | 2239* |

*The figure includes 11 new newspapers/periodicals, out of which 10 were Hindi and one Bengali newspapers/periodicals.